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CHESTNUT BLIGHT INCREASE.

A new map of West Virginia prepared by the Federal bureau of plant industry shows that the dreaded chestnut blight is greatly on the increase in West Virginia.

The trees in every county of the state are infected, the percentages running from 5 in Mason county to 100 in the three eastern-most counties. This disease has spread from the north and east and, therefore, shows the highest percentages of infection in the eastern and northern counties. The whole central section shows infections ranging from 16 to 92 per cent.

Within five years practically all the chestnut timber in the state will have contracted this disease and in another five years scarcely any living trees of this species can be found.

Very little hope is held out by the disease specialists for a strain of native trees that will show immunity. If such does appear it will be centuries before a recovery of former conditions could be expected.

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